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**SUBMISSION OF EXECUTED DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Submitted herewith please find a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 executed by Mr.

Koji Naoe.

Respectfully submitted,

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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

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Sir:

I, Koji NAOE, the undersigned, hereby declare and state THAT:

1. I am the sole inventor of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified application;
2. I am familiar with the prosecution of the above-identified application;
3. Specifically, in connection with the prosecution of the above-identified application, namely, the Non-Final Office Action dated September 28, 2005, in which claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Naoe et al. (U.S. 2003/0021891) in view of Kurose et al. (U.S. Patent 5,510,140) and claims 2, 4, 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Naoe et al. in view of Kurose et al., and further in view of Yorita et al. (U.S. Patent 5,772,900).

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**  
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4. I, along with Mr. Hiroyuki Kobayashi, are co-inventors and co-applicants of U.S. 2003/0021891; and

5. I am solely responsible for the disclosure of U.S. 2003/0021891 relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting claims 1-8 of the above-identified application.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: February 7, 2006

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